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either company or their affiliates may utilize the cellular network service offerings of the other to offer a package of services to the customer. With respect to this waiver request, SBMS intends to offer a package of cellular services utilizing the GTE cellular network in the Houston/Beaumont area where GTE Mobilnet provides cellular service. Under this arrangement, SBMS will become a cellular competitor to <a href="https://doi.org/10.1006/journal.com/beaumont-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-both-be-

Since GTE Mobilnet has no LATA boundary restrictions, its local calling scope can incorporate an area crossing several LATA boundaries. In order to accommodate SBC's need to restrict its local calling scope to LATA boundaries as modified by existing or to-be-acquired waiver relief, GTE Mobilnet, in conjunction with AT&T -- which is GTE's cellular network equipment vendor in the Houston market -- overlaid a "virtual switch" arrangement. This "virtual switch" arrangement is, in essence, a modification to the GTE Mobilnet mobile telephone switching office (MTSO) to permit different treatment of SBMS customers from GTE customers in terms of the local calling scope. The "virtual switch" recognizes LATA boundaries such that when an SBMS customer places an interLATA call, that call is handed-off to the interexchange carrier chosen by the SBMS customer. These network alterations are transparent to both the SBMS and GTE customers, and enables the GTE Mobilnet network to serve the customers of both companies in compliance with their separate legal and regulatory oblications.

#### Provision Of Equal Access

SBMS will provide equal access to its customers acquired in the Houston/Beaumont MSAs in the same manner as it does in an SBMS "start-up" market, i.e. each customer must select an interexchange carrier at the time the customer subscribes to cellular service.

Interexchange carriers will be solicited to discern whether or not they wish to participate in the provision of interexchange service through the SBMS equal access program in the Houston/Beaumont area. Those interexchange carriers responding in the affirmative will be placed on a list of interexchange carriers that is provided to SBMS customers. The names of the interexchange carriers appearing on this list will be rotated on a periodic basis, to ensure that each interexchange carrier has an equal opportunity to appear first on the list. New interexchange carriers wishing to participate in equal access

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will be added to the list.

SBMS will not, in any way, market or sell the services of any interexchange carrier, but will simply offer its cellular customers a choice of interexchange carrier. Customers signing up for SBMS cellular service will be required to select a primary interexchange carrier from this list, in order to place interexchange calls from their SBMS cellular service. If SBMS or an affiliate chooses to provide interexchange services pursuant to the terms of the Generic Wireless Order, it will do so in full compliance with the terms of that waiver relief.

As noted above, prior to SBMS offering cellular services in the Houston/Beaumont area, GTE Mobilnet will arrange for the installation of the necessary software to implement equal access from the technical perspective of routing interLATA calls to the interexchange carrier of the customer's choice.

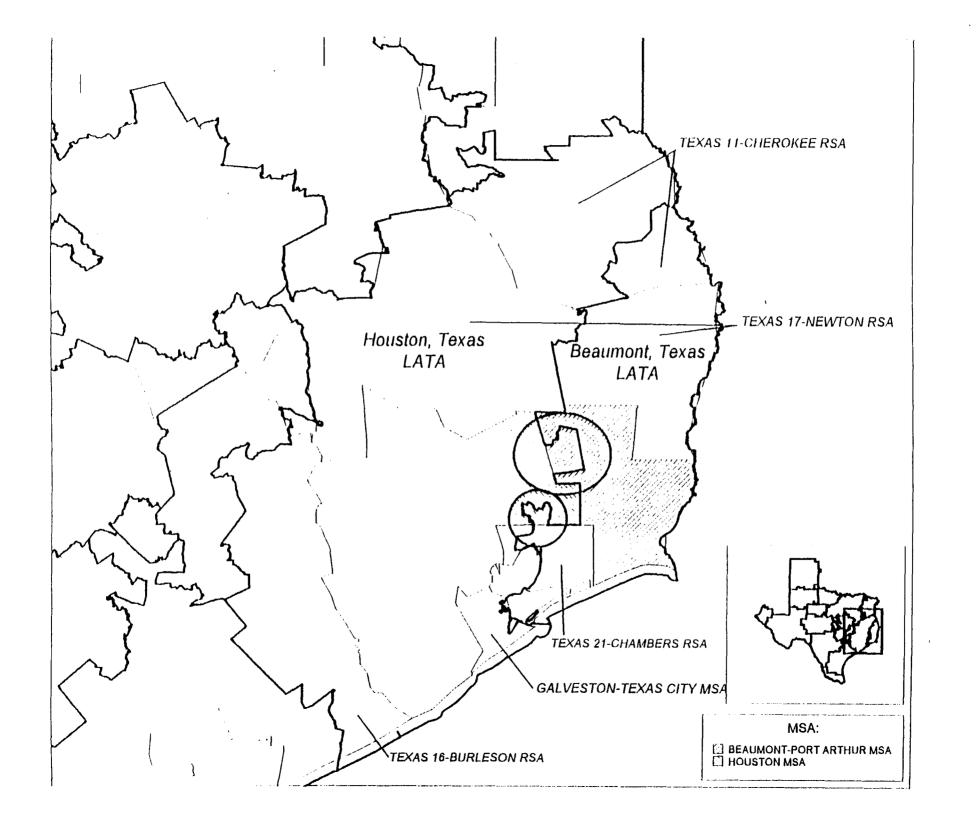
In conclusion, equal access will be provided in a manner consistent with that which has been implemented in "traditional" SBMS cellular markets. With this waiver relief, SBMS will be offering cellular service throughout the Houston and Beaumont MSAs in competition with GTE Mobilnet and HCTC, with a local calling scope identical to that authorized for HCTC. SBMS will utilize the cellular network facilities of GTE Mobilnet in the Houston/Beaumont area to offer a competing cellular service. Interexchange carriers will be offered the opportunity to participate in the equal access offered to the SBMS cellular customers, who will have a choice of carriers. The GTE Mobilnet cellular network will route interLATA calls placed by SBMS cellular customers to the interexchange carriers of the customers' choice.

If you have any additional questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Martin E. Grambow

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June 20, 1995

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Re:

Request of Southwestern Bell Corporation d/b/a SBC Communications Inc. For a "Me-Too" Waiver to Provide MultiLATA Cellular Service Throughout the Houston and Beaumont MSAs, Waiver No. 227

Dear Mr. Grambow:

The Department of Justice has completed its review of the above referenced waiver request and has concluded that it will support the request for a "Me-Too" waiver. SBC Communications, Inc. ("SBC") has represented that it intends to resell cellular service provided by GTE Corp. in the Houston and Beaumont, Texas MSAs and that SBC will provide equal access to the customers it acquires in these MSAs. SBC has further represented that it will not provide interexchange services, except under the terms set forth in the Court's Generic Wireless Order.

Accordingly, after SBC files its motion with the Court, the Department will file with its response the "Me-Too" certification prescribed in the Court's March 13, 1986, order.

Sincerely,

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  Plaintiff,	60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60	
v.	<u>8</u>	Civil Action No. 82-0192 (HHG)
WESTERN ELECTRIC CO., INC.	Š	
and AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND	S	
TELEGRAPH COMPANY,	8	
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Defendants.	§	

## ORDER

Upon consideration of the motion of SBC Communications Inc. ("SBC") for a "me-too" waiver of Section II(D)(1) of the decree to permit SBC to provide integrated, multiLATA cellular service throughout the Houston and Beaumont, Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas ("MSAs"), it is hereby

ORDERED, that the motion is granted and that SBC shall be permitted to provide integrated, multiLATA cellular service throughout the Houston and Beaumont, Texas MSAs, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The terms and conditions (including price) on which SBC operating companies provide exchange access and interconnection to affiliated cellular systems shall be no more favorable than those offered to competing cellular systems;
- (2) The interexchange links for the multiLATA cellular services authorized by this Order shall be leased from nonaffiliated interexchange carriers on terms and conditions

(including price) no more favorable than those available to SBC's competitors from the same interexchange carriers.

	Harold H. Greene	
	United States District	Judge
Dated:		

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Hilary Soldati, hereby certify that on this 14th day of July, 1995, a true copy of the foregoing "Reply Comments," in CC Docket No. 94-54, RM-8012, was served U.S. First Class Mail, Postage Prepaid, or Hand Delivered, upon each of the parties listed below:

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